

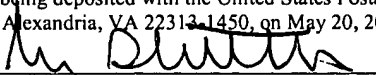


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In the Application of:

Coates et al.

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For: A NETWORK STORAGE SYSTEM

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002. This extension will extend the time the response is due from February 20, 2003 to May 20, 2003.

- A three month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$465.00
- A Credit Card Payment Form.

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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50 1128** referencing docket no. SCAL.P0001.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 20, 2003

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